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SUBJECT: DANISH SEAMEN'S BOSS UNDER ATTACK

1. SUMMARY: PREBEN MOLLER HANSEN, SEAMEN'S UNION BOSS AND COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY DKP PARTY CHIEF AND IS BEING PURSUED BY MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS FOR IRREGULARITIES IN ADMINISTRATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FUND AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE. END SUMMARY.

2. PREBEN MOLLER HANSEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF DANISH SEAMEN'S UNION AND MEMBER OF THE DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S (DKP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WAS FOR THE FIRST TIME ATTACKED OVER THE WEEKEND BY HIS OWN COMRADE AND HEAD OF THE DKP, KNUD JESPERSEN. LEADING UP TO THE ATTACK WAS WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY GIVEN TO MOLLER HANSEN'S HIGH-HANDED CONDUCT OF HIS UNION'S AFFAIRS. SPECIFICALLY, HE HAD PURGED THREE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT OPPONENTS FROM THE UNION RANKS AND THEN DENIED THEM UNION-ADMINISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (90 PERCENT OF WHICH COMES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDS) AND THE SERVICES OF UNION

FACILITIES FOR SEEKING NEW EMPLOYMENT. COMPLAINTS OF THE THREE AFFECTED SEAMEN TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR RECEIVED BROAD PRESS ATTENTION AND EXCITED PUBLIC SYMPATHY FOR THE OUSTED UNION MEMBERS.

3. COMMENT: MOLLER HANSEN HAS BEEN UNDER CONTINUED ATTACK FROM THE L. O.'S THOMAS NIELSEN AS WELL AS THEM SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. NOW EVEN HIS OWN COMMUNIST PARTY CONRADES HAVE TURNED ON HIM, THUS PROVIDING A MORE SOLID BASIS FOR THE CAREFUL MOVES LABOR MINISTER ERLING DINESEN HAS BEEN PREPARING CALCULATED TO OUST MOLLER HANSEN.

4. MOLLER HANSEN, WHO IS REGARDED AS A PSYCHOPATH BY MANY WHO KNOW HIM, HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES AND DICTATORIAL BEHAVIOUR IN HIS UNION. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE DISPERSAL OF THE UNION'S MEMBERSHIP, HIS IRON RULE HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO WEAKEN. THE ATTACK BY HIS OWN PARTY FRIENDS NOW WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR MOLLER HANSEN'S OPPONENTS TO MOVE AGAINST HIM. KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES NOW GIVE MOLLER HANSEN NO MORE THAN SIX MONTHS IN HIS UNION JOB.
END COMMENT.
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